continued but Au’s approval: selected nominees, allowed trad popular & tribal assembly elections, no candidate unfit, no election partisan or bribery.

Marcus Primus accused war on Odrysae tribe while governor Macedonia: pleaded approval Au, Au disagreed. Au said there for public interest: praised, right to summon senate whenever. Some in favour M Primus: plot against Au; leader Caepio, unclear Murena implicated – generally headstrong. Nothing could save even though Mu well connected.

Previously everything put to SPQR including provinces; widely known & recorded, as well as public. Later secret, public records cannot be investigated, suspicion, small group makes laws, many never hear.

**Suetonius Life of Augustus**

Senators, ‘Orcus Men’ (influence/bribery under JC): Au reduced Senate. Members allowed nominate one another; Au & Ag reviewed, own choices. More convenient & conscientious duties, changed meetings system. Council of Senate created: every six months by lot, studied drafts before whole House. Critical debates: Au called random members so alert and responsible.

New administrative offices so more with experience; city prefect; Board of Three (selected senators; inspected equestrians); censors; increased praetors; wanted two colleagues consul but Senate refused (distraction from dignity).

Au nominated equestrians to fill tribune elections, could become senators after.

Property qualification increased, but Au met with public money if fell short.

Suppressed riots & revolts, conspiracies before dangerous: Lepidus Younger, Murena & Caepio, M. Egnatius, Rufus, Paulus, Audasius, Epicadus.

**Tiberius**

**Tacitus Annals**

Consuls, senate, knights servile; more distinguished, more insincere; proper reaction to death of emperor.

T not feel capable, only wanted a branch.

Refused ‘Father of Country’, declined oath obedience; people not convinced republican bc revived treason law – Au had used for “written libel”.

Romanius Hispo: wormed into emperor’s confidence; eminent in danger from; allowed imitators to “destroy” others.

Emperor lost temper, exclaimed would vote openly and would have compelled other senators; freedom remained, Piso said afraid of T – voted for acquittal “meekly”.